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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/358,408)	Group Art Unit: 2721
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
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SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated January 19, 2001, and European Search Report dated February 28, 2001 citing them.

Japanese patent document JP 9-093451 corresponds to U.S. patent 5,754,682, and Japanese patent document JP -102882 corresponds to U.S. patent application No. 08/720,784, each of which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 2, 2000. JP 10-108031 corresponds to U.S. patent application 08/941,303; JP 9-214787 corresponds to U.S. patent application No. 08/758,963; JP 9-102882 corresponds to U.S. patent application No. 08/720,784; and JP 9-098301 corresponds to U.S. patent application 08/724,314.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/941,303	09/30/97	2623
08/785,963	03/17/97	2621
08/724,314	10/01/96	2624

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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